

## GOD IS GOOD

Paul said to the church at Rome, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28). This verse on God’s divine providence is as difficult to comprehend as it is popular.

If God is able to make everything that happens to us work together for our good, then ultimately everything that happens to us is good. There is a word that I used in the first sentence of this paragraph that must not be taken lightly, nor overlooked. The word ‘ultimately’ in the first sentence cannot be stressed enough when it comes to Romans 8:28.

In this world things happen to us that indeed are not good. Afflictions, miseries, injustice, and a host of other things that are not good. Yet God in His goodness transcends all of these things and works them for our good. All things are not good, yet, for the Christian, God works them for our final benefit. God does this simply because He is good.

James said, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning: (James 1:17). God never changes. In Him is no shadow of turning. Shadows suggest darkness, and in the spiritual sense, darkness suggests evil. With God there is no dark side, He is altogether good. He will always do that which is right. He is the Father of lights. It has been noted of God, that He doesn’t know how to be anything but good. Even in His wrath, there is good.

Scripture: King James Version: Exodus 34:1-7; Psalm 25:7-21; Psalm 100:1-5; Romans 8:18-28.

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